

Sermon Notes

"Knowing that We Know Him"

1 John 2:3-6

April 11, 2021

4. In light of 1:8-10, does John mean that we know God only if we perfectly keep all His commands? What does he mean, and why do you think so?

5. How does 2:4 guide us in discerning which teachers of Christianity we should listen to? How can we decide who knows truth?

6. How does John define obedience to God in 2:6?

7. What have you learned about what it means for you to walk as Jesus did? How did you learn that lesson?

8. In what area of life do you most need to improve in walking as Jesus did? What can you do about his, and what help do you need from God or other believers?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 04-11-21

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., 1, 2 & 3 John: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2013, pp. 49-51; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 319-20; Lyman Coleman, et.al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 457.

Getting Started:

1. Do you ever wonder whether you really know God? How can you be sure that you do?

Digging Deeper:

Read 1 John 2:1-11.

2. What phrases does John use to describe the experience of knowing God (see 1:3, 7; 2:3, 5, 6, 9, 10)? How would you combine these phrases to define this experience of knowing God?

3. In 2:5-6, John describes Christians as “in him” and those who “abide in him.” Look up the other texts below where John used similar language. How is the “in him” language used? Who is involved in each case? What does it imply about the relationship?

John 14:10, 11, 20, 23

John 15:4-10

John 17:21, 23, 26

1 John 2:27, 28

1 John 3:6

1 John 4:4

1 John 5:20